

REMARKS

Claims 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 34 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. Imai, et al. (U.S. 5,975,772) in view of Taniguchi, et al. (U.S. 4,737,822). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is believe that the originally filed claims are patently distinct over these references. However, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, independent claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 33 and thus has not been amended to narrow the scope of the claim for purposes of patentability. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Furthermore, the claims which do not depend on claim 26 and the original claim 33 are cancelled. Therefore, the applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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